

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a single dosage formulation of metformin and glipizide said formulation containing from 2 to 3 % by weight moisture, said formulation being in the form of a tablet designed to control moisture so that the glipizide does not hydrolyze and said metformin is compressible, said tablet further including an outer protective coating or finishing layer surrounding said tablet, said composition being devoid of an enteric coating.

Claims 2 and 3. (Cancelled).

Claim 4. (Withdrawn) A method for treating type 2 diabetes which comprises administering to a patient in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a combination of metformin and glipizide in a single dosage form, which dosage form controls moisture so that the glipizide does not hydrolyze.

Claim 5. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in Claim 4 wherein the amount of metformin and glipizide in the combination is that employed in generally accepted medical practice for treating diabetes.

Claim 6. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in Claim 5 wherein the dosage of metformin administered is from about 250 mg to about 2500 mg/day.

Claim 7. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in Claim 6 wherein the metformin is administered in 250 mg increments.

Claim 8. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in Claim 5 wherein the dosage of glipizide administered is from about 1.25 to about 25 mg/day.

Claim 9. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in Claim 8 wherein the glipizide is administered in about 2.25 mg increments.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in Claim 4 wherein the metformin is employed in a weight ratio to glipizide within the range from about 1000:1 to about 100:1.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical formulation as defined in Claim [[2]] 1 which includes a dosage of metformin of from about 250 to about 2500 mg/day and a dosage of glipizide from about 1.25 to about 25 mg/day.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical formulation as defined in Claim [[2]] 1 wherein the metformin is employed in a weight ratio to the glipizide within the range from about 1000:1 to about 100:1.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical formulation as defined in Claim [[2]] 1 wherein the dosage of metformin is 250 mg and the dosage of glipizide is 1.25 mg.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical formulation as defined in Claim [[2]] 1 wherein the dosage of metformin is 250 mg and the dosage of glipizide is 2.50 mg.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical formulation as defined in Claim [[2]] 1 wherein the dosage of metformin is 500 mg and the dosage of glipizide is 2.50 mg.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical formulation as defined in Claim [[2]] 1 wherein the dosage of metformin is 500 mg and the dosage of glipizide is 5.00 mg.